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"I DO not believe, Sir, that the citizens of the United States are yet prepared to surrender their Liberties at the shrine of either *foreign* or *domestic* tyranny; though it should be recommended by the most popular of their favorites. The American people are too well acquainted with the history of former Republics, to submit their necks to the yoke, and to wear the chains of Slavery, however gilded, and though invited to wear them by the seductive voice of party spirit. When it shall be discovered, (and an attempt to execute this act, if unfortunately it should pass, will open the eyes of the people,) and they will discover, that there is an attack on Civil Liberty, the party dissensions which now ??stract our unhappy country, and are the cause of so much disappear; and *public spirit*, notwithstanding of political soporificks, must be awake The forth in their might, would at once down say towards the worst of *despotisms* —a *military*

"In my mind, the prospect excites the most serious apprehensions. *A storm seems to be gathering*, which portends not a *tempest* on the *ocean*, but DOMESTIC CONVULSIONS.—However painful the task, a sense of duty calls upon me to raise my voice, and use my utmost exertions to prevent the passing of this bill.—I feel myself bound in conscience to declare, lest the blood of those who may fall in the execution of this measure should be on my head, *that I do consider this to be an act which directs a mortal blow at the liberties of my country*; an act containing unconstitutional provisions, to which the people ARE NOT BOUND TO SUBMIT, and to which, in my opinion, THEY WILL NOT SUBMIT."

[???] *This oppressive, and unconstitutional measure, has been since adopted by the House. It passed into a law, on the 6 th inst. (Jan.) at half past 6 in the morning, after an ineffectual struggle, through the night, to stay its final execution.*

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